(a) whether the Union Government have any scheme for the development of sea beaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the particulars of development of sea beaches in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Development of touris at various places including sea beaches is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance on specific proposals received from them, based on their merit, availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

(c) The particulars of schemes for which assistance has been provided by the Central Department of Tourism in respect of beaches in the State of Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan are as under:—

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1. Yatri Niwas at Konark
2. Open Air Theatre and Drinking Water facilities at Konark.
3. Tents for Konark.
4. I.T.D.C. Joint venture hotel at Puri.
5. Youth hostel and Tourist Bungalow at Puri.

For the year 1991-92, and amount of Rs. 20 lakhs has been earmarked for provision of tents at Konark Beach and establishment of water sports facilities at Gopalpur on sea.

[*English*]

Upgradation of Colleges in Lakshadweep

3016. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to upgrade the colleges in Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There are two junior colleges in Lakshadweep having classes upto Senior Secondary level. There is no proposal at present to upgrade them.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since the intake of students for the Degree Classes is very low and results at the Senior Secondary stage are not encouraging enough, there is not proposal at present to upgrade them.

[*Translation*]

Tourists Spot in East Delhi

3017. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any place of tourist interest has been developed in East Delhi;

(b) if so, the details therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?